

Allen-Scott Report

Federal Agency's Fund Use Probed

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WASHINGTON—The Arms Control & Disarmament Agency is becoming the Kennedy administration's main instrumentality for financing a wide-ranging series of far-reaching studies in arms control, relations with other nations, and ways and means of influencing public opinion.

These studies, used in the formulation of administration policies, while financed by federal funds, are made by private research organizations staffed with scientists, university professors and former government officials—in most cases getting double their previous salaries.

This extraordinary activity of the Arms Control & Disarmament Agency, wholly unknown to the public, will be spotlighted in a forthcoming report by a House Appropriations subcommittee headed by Representative John Rooney, D-N.Y.

The committee, probing the agency's request to more than double its budget from \$6.5 million to \$15 million, will reveal that most of the additional funds are to pay for the numerous studies already underway and others contemplated, including:

"\$100,000 for analyses of the activities of private peace groups and the effect they have on public opinion, and how they can be used to promote disarmament plans. This series of studies is designed to interpret public opinion for the Disarmament Agency.

"\$100,000 for the study of the operations and organization of the Soviet fiscal system and budget. This study arises from the fact that budgetary control, as a disarmament measure, is under specific consideration by U.S. policy-makers.

"\$150,000 for the examination of alternative ways of handling conflicts between the U.S. and Russia. The purpose of this study is to explore basic factors which influence decisions that are made in situations of international conflict.

"\$257,000 for study of the views of European leaders on security problems and the military's influence in European government.

"\$100,000 for the study of the development and evaluation of inspection systems for a ban on weapons of mass destruction.

"\$500,000 for examination of relationship between national political environments (Congress, the press and the public) and arms control measures.

"\$810,000 for preliminary studies for measures for general arms control and disarmament."

Striking It Rich

The Rooney committee's inquiry uncovered the startling fact that the Disarmament Agency pays no limit on the salaries the private research groups, which get more than 90 per cent of their funds from the government, pay their officials.

For example: The committee established that the Institute of Defense Analysis, one of the agency's favorite study organizations, pays Richard A. Bissell, president, \$45,000. Before joining I.D.A. Bissell was the director of "covert" operations of the Central Intelligence Agency, and the official who directed the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion.

Bissell's study outfit, which received more than \$8 million in contracts from the Disarmament Agency and the Defense Department in the past year, has 243 employees, many of them former government officials, with salaries ranging from \$15,000 to \$42,000.

Aerospace, another research organization popular with the Disarmament Agency, pays Dr. Ivan A. Getting, Rhodes scholar and former head of a division at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$75,000 as president.

One of the incorporators of Aerospace when it was established in 1960, was Deputy Defense Secretary Roswell Gilpatric. He informed the House committee that he severed all ties with the concern when he joined the Kennedy administration.

Six other Aerospace officials receive from \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year.

Other study groups with research contracts for the Disarmament Agency include:

Bendix Company (\$500,000); Raytheon Corporation (\$300,000); Mathematics Research (\$57,000); American Academy of Arts & Sciences (\$50,000); Institute of Strategic Studies, Stanford University (\$48,688); Research Associates Corporation (\$177,368); and another corporation (\$150,000).